



September 15, 1998

Alex Pittignano, Project Engineer  
Chemical Land Holdings, Inc.  
1015 Belleville Turnpike  
Kearny, New Jersey 07032

Re: Diamond Alkali Superfund Site  
Substitution of Surety Bond

Dear Mr. Pittignano:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received the bond submitted by Maxus Energy Corporation as a replacement for the existing National Union Fire Insurance Company bond, which was transmitted to EPA pursuant to Section XV (Assurance of Ability to Complete the Work) of the Administrative Consent Order. The new bond, issued through Seaboard Surety Company, has been reviewed by personnel in EPA's Financial Management Branch. Based on this review, EPA accepts the replacement bond as a substitution for the existing bond and releases the obligations under the previous bond.

Sincerely yours,

Sharon J. Jaffess, Remedial Project Manager  
Emergency & Remedial Response Division

cc: William Lau, Maxus Energy Corp.

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